

Serial Number 10/014,600

REMARKS

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC §102(b), on the grounds that U.S. Patent No. 5,786,737 (Goto) discloses an impedance matching network rather than an impedance transformation network, as claimed, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 3.

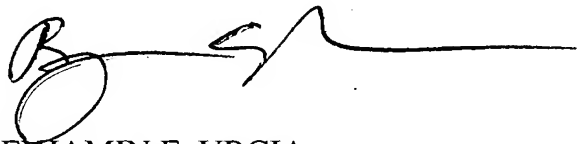
Claim 3 was not rejected under prior art, and the Advisory Action indicates that claim 3 is no longer rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph, but rather is merely "objected-to." Therefore, it is believed that the subject matter of claim 3 is considered to be allowable.

Because the amendments combine claims that originally depended from each other without changing their scope, entry of the amendments is appropriate under 37 CFR §1.116.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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